

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2, 3, 5, 22 and 24.

Please add the following new claims 27-28

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

5. (Cancelled)

22. (Cancelled)

24. (Cancelled)

26. (Previously Presented) A DNA construct encoding a fusion protein, the DNA construct comprising:

a first DNA segment encoding a polypeptide comprising a sequence of amino acid residues 1 (Met) through 21 (Met) of SEQ ID NO:2; and

a second DNA segment encoding an additional polypeptide,

wherein the first and second DNA segments are connected in-frame; and encode the fusion protein.

27. (New) A vector comprising the following operably linked elements:

a transcription promoter;

a DNA construct according to Claim 26; and

a transcription terminator,

wherein the transcription promoter is operably linked to the DNA construct, and the DNA construct is operably linked to the transcription terminator.

28. (New) A cell into which has been introduced a vector according to claim 27.

Support for newly added Claims 27 and 28 can be found in the specification from page 32, line 15 to page 41, line, 29, wherein numerous vectors and host cells which can be utilized with the DNA sequences of the present invention are disclosed.